GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TEST FIRING A MISSILE BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has recently test fired short range surface-to-surface missile successfully;

(b) if so, the details of target range of the missile and its payload;

(c) whether it also carries nuclear warhead; and

(d) if so, whether any prior warning of the test was communicated to India by Pakistan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)
(a), (b) & (c) Yes Sir. On 7 February, Pakistan issued a statement regarding the test firing of a new design of Hatf-I with greater pay load and improved accuracy. It was claimed that the missile had a range of 100 kms and could carry a variety of warheads, though the nature of these warheads was not specified.
(d) Yes Sir. A prior notice about this test was conveyed to the Government by Pakistan on February 4.